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Press Release

Police Department

Torrance Detectives Safely Recover a Chihuahua taken in series of Auto Burglaries

The Torrance Police Department has been investigating a series of auto burglaries. The target of these burglaries has been valuables and specifically credit cards which were used to commit thefts from numerous South Bay department stores. Torrance investigators released a comprehensive Crime Bulletin to both regional Law Enforcement and Commercial Loss Prevention personnel.

On March 8th, 2009 a similar crime occurred in the 3800 block of Sepulveda between 5:15 pm and 7pm. In this case a pet Chihuahua dog, which was in the vehicle, was also taken in the Auto Burglary. The dog was not recovered and the whereabouts were unknown. The dog's name is Lola. Torrance Detectives identified the suspects and alerted our Law Enforcement partners in the region.

On March 10th the Gardena Police Department apprehended two suspects believed to be responsible for this crime spree and theft of this prized Chihuahua. Torrance Detectives, working in conjunction with Gardena Police, were able to determine the whereabouts of missing Lola. The Chihuahua Lola was safely recovered in the City of Lynwood and returned to her owner.

This investigation is ongoing under the direction of Captain David Smith, Commander of the Special Operations Bureau. Charges in this extensive investigation are pending. Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to call the Torrance Police Department Detectives Division at 310 618-5688.

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